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Note from the Consul General

Dear friends,

We have been honored in these two months to participate in several events to commemorate the close cooperation between the U.S. and Australia throughout the years. ANZAC Day and the Battle of the Coral Sea commemorations are moving reminders that we have long stood together.

As I near the second anniversary of my assignment to Perth, I am more than ever grateful for all of your support for all of us at Consulate General Perth.

Warm regards, Robin

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Lest We Forget - Americans March on ANZAC Day

Members of the North American Veterans' Unit (NAVU) carried the Stars and Stripes as they marched in Perth's ANZAC Day Parade before 40,000 cheering onlookers and full ABC television coverage. The event was part of the traditional ANZAC Day ceremonies which started bright and early when CG Robin McClellan laid a wreath at the State War Memorial during the Dawn Service and then joined the Returned Services League for the Gunfire Breakfast. Political, military, and civilian dignitaries participated in the events to

commemorate the ANZACs and their historic and gallant military action at Gallipoli in WWI. The day celebrates their spirit, sacrifice, and commitment.



Leading the Unit, NAVU senior officer Capt Mike Donnelly USN (ret) noted that the applause swelled measurably for the entire parade route as the U.S. flag passed the onlookers, and that the unit received constant positive shouts including, "Good on ya, Yanks," "Thank you USA", and "We're with you."

WWII veteran Victor Lane, 94 years young, completed the entire march with a firm step and a broad smile. Also marching was Col Marv Feldman, USAF (ret) who traveled from Florida to support the unit.

CG McClellan joined Governor Ken Michael on the official dais to receive the salute and the traditional "Eyes Right" from the NAVU veterans.

When the traditional closing ceremony on the Esplanade was cancelled due to heavy rain, CG McClellan offered the lobby of the Consulate General building as an alternate venue. This action was warmly received by the VIPs and provided the Governor, RSL State President, and an honors student a venue to deliver their speeches. NAVU was also represented in the Fremantle ANZAC Day Parade (p. 2). NAVU's participation in this event reinforces the strong ties between Australia and the U.S. We hope to see even more American former service members participate next year.

Vice Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert

Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, visits Perth

By: LCDR P.E. François, USN

Vice-Admiral Jonathan Greenert, Commander, U.S. Seventh Fleet, met with WA political, military, and community leaders in his May 18—22 visit to Perth. Vice-Admiral Greenert spoke at a breakfast hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce and sponsored by Sealanes on Thursday, 18 May. After offering a detailed overview of the 7th Fleet's responsibilities in the Western Pacific and Indian Oceans, VADM Greenert fielded questions from his audience concerning various matters of security within the region.

Other events during the three day visit included; a meeting with His Excellency Dr. Ken Michael AC, a lunch hosted by Hon. Sheila McHale which included Hon. Eric Ripper, a meeting with Hon Paul Omodei and Mr. Troy Buswell, and dinner hosted by Mr. Bradley Woods and members of the Australian Hotels Association. VADM Greenert experienced Fremantle's hospitality and friendship by attending a High Tea hosted by Mayor Peter Tagliaferri and attended by members of the Fremantle Chamber of Commerce. VADM Greenert visited the Fremantle War Memorial and toured the Fremantle Port Terminal with Harbormaster Captain Eric Atkinson. VADM Greenert admired what the Port had offered the U.S. Navy over the past years and realized the potential it offers to all visiting ships. The official events ended with CDR J.A. Paul Bartlett's tour of HMAS Stirling and a dinner hosted by Consul General McClellan. VADM Greenert had various discussions regarding USN visits to WA and how the relationship could be maintained. He stated that, Ships and crews always request to visit Perth; Carrier Strike Group visits are constrained by tasking to keep one carrier in the Gulf region; Visits to any port must be random to minimize threats to USN personnel, this is any port Brisbane included; and Perth could reasonably expect one Carrier Strike Group visit per year.



CAPT Bill Cameron, CG Robin McClellan, His Excellency Dr. Ken Michael AC, VADM Greenert



L., AMCHAM General Manager Penelope Williamson and VADM Greenert

R., Mayor of Fremantle Peter Tagliaferri (center) with city councilors and other guests at afternoon tea.



"Eyes right"

NAVU's Barry Gravelle represents the United States in the Fremantle ANZAC Day Parade.

Consul Mark Prokop laid a wreath and participated in ANZAC Day ceremonies in Albany this year.

Professor Ross Terrill Visits Perth

Visiting speaker Professor Ross Terrill spoke on the U.S.-Australia Alliance to students, senior academics, and members of the international affairs community during his April visit to Perth. He was a guest of honor at a major dinner meeting of the Australian American Association (AAA), accompanied by CG Robin McClellan on 1 April.

Professor Terrill did a half-hour live interview on the morning of Monday April 3 with Larry Graham on 6PR's radio station. He then spoke at an open forum hosted by Ignite Young Leaders at the University of Western Australia. The audience of over 200 consisted largely of students, including those studying Strategy, Diplomacy and International Conflicts, as well as representatives of a wide variety of associations and organizations. Professor Terrill delivered a presentation on *The ANZUS Alliance: Its Relevance Today*, which was complemented by a presentation from Andrew Pickford (Future Directions International — a Perth strategic think-tank) *ANZUS: Challenges for Future Leaders*. A question and answer session followed. The forum provided Professor Terrill the opportunity to explain to the younger generation the history and importance of ANZUS in maintaining regional stability and the flow-on effects that benefit Australia both in foreign policy and domestically.

Following the forum, Professor Terrill joined the CG McClellan and presenters of the Ignite Young Leaders function for lunch, hosted by the Centre for Muslim States and Societies — a recently established research centre at UWA promoting moderate Muslim views.



Ms Imogen Garner, Professor Ross Terrill, Professor Greg Craven, CG Robin McClellan, Senator Alan Eggleston and Professor Lance Twomey

Professor Terrill then delivered a public lecture at Curtin University of Technology, co-hosted by the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library (JCPML) and John Curtin Institute of Public Policy (JCIPP). The JCPML is Australia's only library dedicated to and specializing in collating and researching information on Prime Ministers, especially John Curtin. The JCIPP is a peak research, education and discussion organization on public policy. The diverse audience — from university students to strategic experts and Members of Federal Parliament — heard Professor Terrill speak on *Why ANZUS is still Relevant Today*. Professor Terrill stressed the mutual benefits of the alliance and rebutted the theory that Australia cannot enjoy good relations simultaneously with the U.S. and China.

Further, he commented on how democracy and

liberalization promotes friendlier relations, crediting the similarities between Australia and the U.S. for ensuring a continuing and meaningful strategic relationship.

Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Grace Stettenbauer Visits Perth



Mike Donnelly, Capt USN (ret) receives an Extra Mile Award from A/DCM Grace Stettenbauer



CG McClellan, A/DCM Grace Stettenbauer & AAA President Max Kay

Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Grace Stettenbauer visited Perth on May 22 to 24. Her visit included meetings with the Japanese and Greek Consuls General and the Editor of WA Business News. She also met with Consulate staff who provided an overview of their current projects. At the staff meeting, she presented Meritorious Honor Awards to Administration Manager Tom Zeitler and Public Diplomacy Assistant Lisa Marino. She also presented Extra Mile awards to Mike Donnelly, CAPT USN (ret), Consular Assistant Scott Forrest, Economic Assistant Gina Soos, and Information Systems Administrator Eric Jarrett.



A/DCM Grace Stettenbauer with guests at morning tea.

The Consul General hosted a morning tea in the A/DCM's honor.

Guests included representatives of U.S. Affinity groups, Murdoch College, the Oriental Post, and Consulate staff.

GuidesWA Awards Presentation

The Consul General gave the keynote address at the Annual General Meeting, 2006 Awards Presentation and Dinner for Guides Western Australia on April 28. The evening was hosted by the State Commissioner for Guides WA, Elizabeth Butson (right). Mrs. McClellan spoke about leadership and described her own involvement with organizations similar to Guides.

Five Guides (14-18 years) were awarded The Peak Achievement Award, Queen's Guide Award, and three members were awarded life memberships. Many other awards were presented to adult guide members in recognition of their outstanding service to Guides Western Australia during 2005.

Guides Western Australia is part of a world-wide voluntary organization that promotes and encourages the development of girls and young women as responsible community members. It has over 10 million members in 140 countries, which reflects an organization rich in cultural diversity and inclusiveness. Guiding offers all women a range of experiences which can be invaluable throughout personal and professional life journeys.



Elizabeth Butson, CG McClellan and

Katherine Jenkins

Forum: Ethics of Troop Withdrawal from Iraq



Left to right: Andrew Thackrah, Professor Norman Etherington, CG McClellan, Anthony Lepere, Associate Professor Samina Yasmeen.

Speaking about the ethics of troop withdrawal from Iraq to an audience of over 85 students primarily from the University of Western Australia on May 1, the Consul General emphasized that any sudden withdrawal of forces would be an abandonment of the Iraqi people. She said a withdrawal would jeopardize the current progress towards a secure, stable and democratic Iraq. The Consul General reaffirmed President Bush's commitment to not "cut and run," reminding the audience that small but crucial developments are often unseen by the international media. "The goal of our enemies, Iraq's enemies," she commented "is to make the television news, to weaken the support in all of our countries, to affect the debate, and to hurt our heart." Encouraging the audience to think larger than disheartening

images, the Consul General quoted former Commander of all Coalition Forces in Iraq – an Australian Major General – Jim Molan: "I did not do what the terrorists want and allow myself to be distracted by the cruel and inhuman day-to-day slaughter of innocent Iraqis by terrorists. Instead I fought to protect the Iraqis. None of us ever thought that it would be an easy task... There is a long road ahead for Iraq and for the supporters of the Iraqi people, but the journey must now be led by the Iraqis themselves, and they are becoming more capable of doing this each day. The future of Iraq, and perhaps much more, now depends on the ongoing battle of wills, and on our resolution in implementing the good strategy that we have."

Other speakers pictured above included Associate Professor Samina Yasmeen and Professor Norman Etherington.



Iraq Update



The situation in Iraq is one of the most requested topics that CG McClellan is asked to speak on. A safe and stable Iraq will take time, but each day, largely unseen by the media, much progress is being made.

Iraqis have voted for a transitional government, drafted the most progressive, democratic constitution in the Arab world, approved that constitution in a national referendum and elected a new government under their new constitution. More than 300 political parties registered for the December 2005 elections in which 11 million people voted. More than 93,000 Iraqis had their say on the constitution through more than 3,500 public engagement events. Nuri al-Maliki has been announced as the Prime Minister designate, nearly all government ministers have been chosen, including nine women, and the new parliament met for its first full session on May 3 this year.

Iraq's economy grew from \$18.9 billion in 2002 to

\$33.1 billion in 2005. The International Monetary Fund (IMF) estimates that the real gross domestic product (GDP) grew by 2.6 percent in 2005, and expects real GDP to grow by 10.4 percent in 2006. On the ground, projects coordinated through the Iraqi Relief and Reconstruction Fund have increased feasible capacity of the electricity grid by 30 percent. Access to fresh water has improved, further benefiting approximately 3.1 million Iraqis and sewerage infrastructure projects are benefiting 5.1 million Iraqis.

Over 250,000 Iraqi Security Forces (ISF) personnel have been equipped and trained, which includes 113,600 Army personnel. Additionally, 140,000 Facility Protection Service personnel have been trained and deployed throughout Iraq. As of March 20, 102 Iraqi army battalions (regular and special operations) are conducting counter-insurgency operations. Forty-nine Iraqi army battalions control their own battle space, and Iraqi units have primary responsibility over 65 percent of Baghdad.

WA's 2006 Fulbright Award Recipients

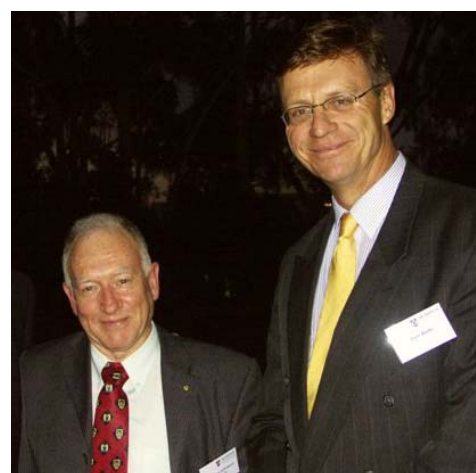
The WA Fulbright Alumni Chapter hosted a reception 4 May at Murdoch University to recognize three West Australians and Laura Brooks from Adelaide as Fulbright Scholars in 2006.



The Consul General attended the event along with Executive Director of the Australian-American Fulbright Commission in Canberra, Mr. Mark Darby, who provided an update on the Fulbright Program. Mr. Darby noted that the Australian Prime Minister would be presenting an Honorary Order of Australia to Mrs. Harriet Fulbright, the widow of Senator Fulbright in Washington DC on 15 May for her support of the Australian Fulbright Program. WA Attorney General Jim McGinty also attended.

The Fulbright Scholars in 2006 included:

WA Fulbright Award winners, Professor Peter Newman, Jessica Evans and Lisa Richardson. *Jessica Evans*, a Fulbright Postgraduate who will undertake a Master of Laws at Columbia University focusing on international human rights; *Professor Peter Newman*, a Fulbright Senior Scholar and Director of the Institute of Sustainability and Technology Policy at Murdoch University who will undertake at the University of Virginia, Charlottesville to examine U.S. sustainability innovations in cities, regions and states; Lisa Richardson, a Fulbright Postgraduate Scholar who will undertake research at UC Davis, assessing the effectiveness of using teleconferencing to provide mental health services in rural and remote regions; and Laura Brooks, the Fulbright Clough Scholar in Engineering who will visit UC San Diego studying the properties of the sea floor using acoustics. We at the Consulate General would like to thank all former Fulbrighters who serve on the WA Committee and support Fulbright activities in WA, particularly Professor Don Smart, Chairman of the WA Fulbright Association.



Above: CG McClellan, Laura Brooks, Professor Peter Newman, Lisa Richardson, Jessica Evans, Attorney General Jim McGinty. Right: WA Chairman Professor Don Smart & Executive Director Australian-American Fulbright Commission Mark Darby

Remembering the Battle of the Coral Sea



U.S. Consul Mark Prokop reading The President's Message on Friday, May 5 at the Fremantle War Memorial.

Consulate General staff participated in several events commemorating the Battle of the Coral Sea in May.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The White House

Washington

I send greetings to those observing the 64th anniversary of the Battle of the Coral Sea and celebrating Australian-American Friendship Week.

The Allied Forces showed mankind their heroism and



U.S. Consul General Robin McClellan reading The President's Message on Monday, May 8 at the War Memorial in Kings Park



Governor Ken Michael and AAA President Max Kay lead the wreath-laying procession at the May 8 ceremony in Kings Park.

courage during World War II. Bound by a universal love of freedom, Australians and Americans united to support the vital cause of defending their countrymen and liberating millions from tyranny. During the Battle of the Coral Sea, patriots from both our nations fought with valor to thwart one of the most ruthless military forces the world has ever known. These brave men and women placed the security of their nations before their own lives and left a legacy that has allowed their children and grandchildren to enjoy the blessings of freedom. We will always remember their service and sacrifice.

As the 21st century unfolds, Australia and the United States continue to work together to bring freedom and hope to places where it has long been denied. A new generation is following in the footsteps of our World War II heroes to show the world that democracy remains the most unconquerable of all forms of human society. Laura and I send our best wishes.

George W. Bush

Assembled dignitaries pay their respects to commemorate The Battle of the Coral Sea at the State War Memorial. Pictured far right is Royal Australian Navy veteran Tom Fisher, who served on the HMAS Hobart during the Battle.



American Women's Club Easter Egg Hunt

More than sixty children and their parents enjoyed the American Women's Club Easter Egg Hunt at Jackadder Reserve in Woodlands on April 9.

The Easter bunny entertained one and all. The children also enjoyed participating in activities such as the sack race, egg roll, musical stars, coloring contest and the egg on the spoon race. The Consul General and her daughter had so much fun they stayed at the event the entire day.



Getting ready for the sack race



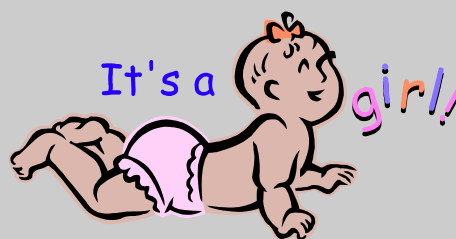
New American Citizen Baby Margaux Registered



Hope Welker (nee Rinehart), Baby Margaux Hope Welker, CG McClellan and Paul Welker.

Baby Margaux Hope Welker was born on November 25, 2005 at 4pm at St. John of God Hospital in Subiaco. Her proud parents are Paul Welker who was born in Clarksville, Tennessee and Hope Welker (nee Rinehart) who was born in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Both parents are U.S. citizens and Mom is also an Australian citizen.



Nedlands Rotary Club

The Consul General spoke to the Nedlands Rotary Club on May 4 on their requested topic, "How the U.S. Views China." She discussed China's emergence as an international stakeholder and the synergies between the U.S., Australian, and Chinese economies. She also explained some issues related to the U.S.-Australia Free Trade Agreement to the audience of 100 current and former Nedlands Rotary Club members. She was pleased to meet a visiting American Rotary Exchange student at the event.



CG McClellan with Exchange student Clayton Santic from New York State, Nedlands Rotary Club President Debbie Parkin and Axel Handevitt-Haar (Past District Governor).



Don't Touch That Teacup! International Business Ethics

CG McClellan spoke about "Doing Business Overseas, Corporate Responsibility" at the School of Business, Notre Dame University in Fremantle on May 10. Approximately 85 students from several Notre Dame business courses attended the event. One-third of the group were American students on an exchange program with Notre Dame. Several faculty members also participated. The event provided an opportunity for the CG to discuss general themes of doing business outside one's home country (such as waiting to be invited to drink one's tea!) with American and Australian students. She also challenged the students to imagine themselves in several different scenarios, and envisage what sorts of actions they felt would be ethical in the circumstances.

An Economist in International Relations

The Consul General delivered remarks on the interface of economics and international relations, the FTA, and U.S. approaches toward development aid on May 9 to over 30 Curtin University Graduate International Relations students. The event provided the CG an opportunity to explain U.S. efforts in international aid, as well as the benefits of the movement toward free trade.

JCPML Public Lecture and Book Launch



The Consul General of Japan Mr. Hiroyuki Ariyoshi launched the book, *Saving Australia: Curtin's Secret Peace with Japan* by Bob Wurth on 12 May at the John Curtin Prime Ministerial Library.

Dignitaries at the public lecture and launch, pictured left, included: Mr. Hiroyuki Ariyoshi, Professor Greg Craven, Ms. Imogen Garner, Mr. Bob Wurth, CG Robin McClellan, and Professor David Black.

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<http://perth.usconsulate.gov>

ANOUTCHKA'S TRIVIA QUESTION

Anoutchka Payet, Receptionist for the American Consulate

Q: What is the only U.S. state which borders with just one other U.S. state?

LAST TRIVIA QUESTION:

Q. Beginning in the Rocky Mountains of northwest Wyoming, this beautiful river flows through a park bearing the same name as the river, then northeast through Montana ending near the North Dakota border. It is 671 miles, 1,080 km in length. What is the name of this river?

A. Yellowstone River

CONSULAR SECTION HARD AT WORK

DURING THE MONTHS APRIL AND MAY, THE
CONSULAR SECTION OF THE US CONSULATE
HANDLED THE FOLLOWING:

VISAS: 288, 429

PASSPORTS: 104, 117

BIRTHS: 18, 11

Murdoch College Multicultural Day



Murdoch College Principal
Alan Meney

The motto of Murdoch College, “Honor, Respect, Integrity,” was exemplified on 11 May through the school’s annual Multicultural Day festivities.

CG McClellan delivered the opening remarks to an audience comprised of 600 students, teachers, parents, elected state and local government officials, members of the diplomatic corps, and Consulate staff. In her speech, the CG encouraged the audience, including students from a variety of ethnic backgrounds, to think of multiculturalism through the paradigm of respect. She noted that both American and Australian national narratives are based on diversity and she encouraged those in the audience to celebrate and respect differences in others. She discussed the common heritage and purpose shared by America and Australia. Islamic College Junior School Coordinator Yahya Ibrahim also spoke at this event.



CG McClellan &
Yahya Ibrahim

Murdoch Ambassador Mira Nair was the CG’s escort throughout the day’s festivities. Mira led the CG around the college’s quadrangle which was lined with “World Organization Display” booths representing a total of thirty-two different nations and two non-governmental organizations. The booths displayed posters and various forms of student research about the country assigned to them. The CG enjoyed delicious samples of ethnic cuisine offered at many of the booths. The students participated in the day’s program by dressing in the traditional costume of a country of their choosing.

The day’s program featured displays of culture in the form of music, sport and numerous dances. The CG’s visit to Murdoch College ended in the early afternoon after she joined students, teachers and other guests in a traditional Greek dance.

Murdoch College students are pictured left and right.



Murdoch College Students



Murdoch College
Ambassador Mira Nair





Commander's Corner



Dear Friends,

What a fantastic couple of months this has been for me. First I wanted to thank Mr. Bill Gaynor, President of the Returned Services League for allowing me to lay a wreath at the dawn service (**If anyone has never attended the dawn service, please make every effort to attend next year. It is an occasion not to be missed.**) and be part of the official party during the parade. I was so proud and humbled to stand in front of the procession, "salute the troops" and express my gratitude for their efforts and sacrifices. My second appreciation goes to Max Kay and Susie Glasfurd for the tremendous job that they did for the Battle of Coral Sea Commemoration. This year's events at the Fremantle War Memorial and State War Memorial in King's Park were magnificent. The highlight of the weekend was the Gala Ball Celebration at Government House, it was nothing less than 5-star. Finally, to CAPT Mike Donnelly USN Retired and Mrs. Joan Gravelle and the North American Veterans Unit for allowing me to lay a wreath and speak in the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Eternal Flame. It was an honor to pay tribute to our American service members. A Navy BRAVO ZULU to you all for being vigilant and always honoring those who paid the ultimate sacrifice... *Lest We Forget...*

In May, we were visited by Vice Admiral Jonathan W. Greenert, Commander U.S. Seventh Fleet. I had the pleasure of being with him from start to finish, and he had the pleasure of experiencing much of what Perth and Fremantle have to offer. I would like to emphasize that the question of nuclear-powered warships in Perth was asked and he made no commitments regarding WA. What he did say was, that when the U.S. Navy was dealing with Japan and the possibility of replacing the USS Kitty Hawk with the USS George Washington, the U.S. Navy asked Japanese Mayors to visit San Diego, meet with nuclear experts, visits the bases with nuclear aircraft carriers and then make decisions. Following that, the U.S. Government compiled a safety information paper, which will help people better understand the outstanding performance record and the safety features of U.S. nuclear-powered warships. This can be found at: <http://www.cnfj.navy.mil/PAO/Release06-18.htm>. *LCDR P.E. Francois, USN*



U.S./Australia Affinity Groups

Interested in meeting other Americans? Are you an Australian or resident with special ties to the United States? Just want to meet some fun people? One of these groups should fit you to a "T".

The American Women's Club (open to women of all nationalities) - AWC President Virginia Limberg - 9474 2219 or www.AWCPerth.org

American Chamber of Commerce WA - AmCham WA General Manager Penelope Williamson - 9325 9540

The Australian American Association - Membership Coordinator Richard Adams - 9284 6288

The North American Veterans' Unit — President Joan Gravelle — 0421 420 498

Memorial Day Commemoration Service



U.S. Consul Mark Prokop and WWII Veteran Victor Lane

A Memorial Day service for the United States of America was observed in Perth on the last Monday in May, hosted by The North American Veterans' Unit. Under threatening skies at the State War Memorial, the service paid tribute to all the servicemen and women who have given their lives in defense of the United States. A lone Piper led the procession to the Flame of Remembrance which was guarded by uniformed members of the Returned Services League. RAAF Pearce Flt Lt Anthony D'Alessandro led a four plane formation that made three passes over the service and carried out the moving "missing man" formation.

After an opening prayer by the RAAF Pearce Chaplain, wreaths were laid by dignitaries of the Consular Corps, national and State governments, Military, Police Force, and many U.S. and military veteran service organizations. U.S. Consul Mark Prokop laid a wreath on behalf of the U.S. Consulate. LCDR Phil Francois laid a wreath for the U.S. Navy. WWII veteran Victor Lane laid a wreath for NAVU. A bugler from the WA Army Band then played the Last Post, followed by Taps, a two-minute silence, and Reveille, with the Ode delivered by U.S. Navy LCDR Phil Francois.

U.S. Consul Mark Prokop, delivered the Memorial Day Proclamation from President George Bush, and Senator Judith Adams read a letter of support from Australian Prime Minister John Howard. NAVU Senior Officer CAPT Michael Donnelly, USN (ret) delivered the Memorial Day Address, highlighting the sacrifice made at the Battle of Gettysburg with 51,000 casualties. Lt Michael Munjak, former military, and NAVU member, then made an emotional delivery, from memory, of President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

The service was organized and coordinated by NAVU President Joan Gravelle. MLA Sue Walker graciously hosted a reception following the service.



Michael Munjak delivering the Gettysburg address and CAPT Mike Donnelly USN (ret)



Above: LCDR Phil Francois with Ken Swetman (left) and Frank Cocks of the National Servicemen's Association of Australia

Below: Several NAVU members stand behind U.S. flag prior to Memorial Day 2006 march.



Clontarf Aboriginal College

The Consul General delivered remarks on leadership and the U.S.-Australia relationship to twenty indigenous High School students at Clontarf Aboriginal College on May 17. Many of the students are boarders living in the Perth metro area and attend Clontarf from as far away as Alice Springs, Kununurra, Roebourne, Broome and Noonkanbah. The CG talked of how some individuals lead by virtue of their institutional authority and others lead by virtue of their voice or vision, their

passion, conviction or courage. The CG explained that the word “courage”

comes from the French word for heart — “coeur.” She went on to say that courage comes about when we’re afraid but we act from the heart in spite of that fear. Failure is inevitable — it’s what happens on the way to success. She spoke about the successes several black Americans and Native Americans have achieved in spite of facing obstacles and hardships, and pointed to Secretary Rice as a role model for all of us. The students particularly commented on a photo of Secretary Rice and Aboriginal track and field star Cathy Freeman taken during the Secretary’s visit to Australia earlier this year.



CG McClellan with Clontarf Year 10, 11 & 12 students



Left: Clontarf students viewing a photograph of Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Cathy Freeman taken during The Secretary’s recent visit to Australia.



Press Coverage of the Consulate General During April & May

April 3 — Professor Ross Terrill is interviewed by Larry Graham for a half-hour on the morning show. The general theme of the interview is the U.S.-Australia Alliance.

April 6 — Article in *The Countryman*: “Conference focus on FTA, Biofuel.” CG McClellan highlights the aspects of the U.S. Free Trade Agreement and how WA farmers would benefit.

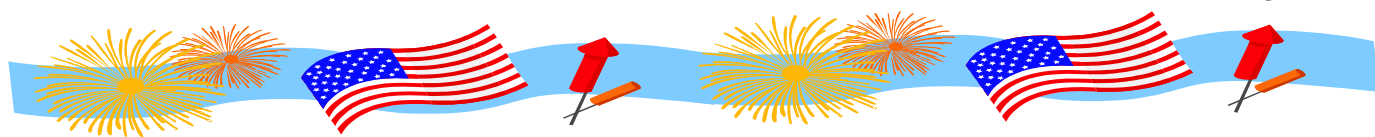
April 8 — Article in *The West Australian*: “ANZUS ties on shifting ground.” PT Singam quotes Professor Ross Terrill saying that the U.S./Australia Alliance is shaping to become a bigger security alliance and that ANZUS was going to be extended in multilateral directions.

April 13 — Article in *Farm Weekly*: “Tax incentive ‘corporate welfare.’” Peter Henderson quotes CG McClellan saying that the “U.S. 2005 Energy Policy Act contained several provisions earmarking funds for research and providing loan guarantee programs for biomass and sugar to ethanol facilities.”

April 30 — Coverage in *The Sunday Times* of Consul General attending AmCham luncheon.

May 4 — Coverage in *Farm Weekly* of Consul General and farming.

May 29 — Channel 10 coverage of U.S. Memorial Day.



Upcoming U.S./Australia Affinity Group Events

American Chamber of Commerce (AmCham)

- June 8 Meet the Minister Breakfast with Michelle Roberts, Minister for Housing and Works;
Consumer Protection; Heritage; Land Information
- July 8 Independence Day Ball
- July 13 Meet the Minister with Paul Omodei, Leader of the Opposition
- July 14 “Women at the Top” breakfast with Michelle Dolin
- Contact: Penelope Williamson at penelopewilliamson@amcham.com.au

American Women’s Club (AWC)

- July 2 4th of July picnic at Nedlands
- Contact: Rhonda Metka rhondametka@yahoo.com or
Cyndi Blake cyndlouwho2003@yahoo.com
- July 23 Christmas in July. South Perth Civic Centre.
- Contact: Andrea Chatterji at president@awcperth.org

Australian American Association (AAA)

- July 9 Independence Day Breakfast
- Sept 6—9 AAA National Conference Events Include:
- Sept 7 State Reception at Government House
- Sept 8 Civic Reception
- Sept 9 Multifaith Convention
- Sept 9 Formal Dinner
- Contact: Susie Glasfurd at secretary.aaawa@westnet.com.au

North American Veterans’ Unit (NAVU)

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